# BRETFORTON PARISH COUNCIL

# ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018 in the Memorial Hall

#### PRESENT:

Cllr J Johnson Cllr A Grant Cllr J Cleveland Cllr K Carter Cllr K Wright Cllr A Curry

### **APOLOGIES:**

Cllr R Davis Mr G Collins Cllr N Smith

### **PARISHIONERS:**

2 parishioners attended from Bretforton Ahead in case any residents had questions about the village gates.

#### **MINUTES:**

Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th April 2017 were read out, approved and signed. Proposed by Cllr Wright, Seconded by Cllr Grant. All in favour.

# **CHAIRMANS REPORT:**

Last year has been a quiet one for planning applications and no significant housing developments have been submitted which shows the effectiveness of the now fully approved SWDP Local Plan. Other districts are somewhat behind us in the process so no doubt the developers have now descended on them!

Our main project last year has been to get the Village Allotments at Bridge End Meadow up and running and this has now been achieved. Unfortunately the 'Grand Opening' on 3 March had to be cancelled as the village was covered in snow but they are now open and at 95% occupancy. This is something of a milestone as the first list of prospective growers goes back 7 years. The project has been made possible by the fortunate offer of land following our Clerk's last ditch appeal to village landowners and the New Homes Bonus funding which has largely covered the capital cost. Fortunately most of the villagers on the list who are still here have kept faith in the project and will soon be digging their plots. It is hoped the rental income will go a good way to cover running costs.

Unfortunately the scheme for a village 'identity' sign/sculpture has been put on hold due to the difficulties in realising the design and agreeing on a suitable siting.

Otherwise the Council has continued with it's normal business including maintenance of the Burial Ground which has recently had a major pruning of the boundary planting. I have received several positive comments on its appearance during the year which is largely due to the efforts of our Lengthsman and his mowing team.

No doubt this year will bring new challenges and opportunities to improve our village which we will do our best to bring into reality with the assistance of our Clerk who has again been a great help over the year.

### **COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT:**

See report included in minutes for Parish Council Meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

# **DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT;**

See report included in minutes for Parish Council Meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018

### **BYRD & CANNING CHARITY:**

Payments made 2018
23 payments at £25 making a total of £575.00

Balance £67.51

Accounts were approved. Proposed by: Cllr Grant. Seconded by: Cllr Carter. Signed by the Vice-Chairman.

### **NON AGENDA ITEMS**

Village gates- Clerk is to meet with Highways on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018 regarding locations and will forward information to working group together with clarification on installation, cleaning and designs.

Meeting closed at 7.16pm

Signed:	Date: